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## Blind and partially sighted consultation

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Dear Fellow Blind and Partially Sighted Friends,

### **Let Us Have a Great Census!**

I am a blind Hungarian. I work for the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS). I am helping to develop the enumeration strategy for the 2011 Census, particularly for Blind and Partially sighted people, i.e., how you wish to be counted. We would like to ensure that as many people as possible are enumerated in the way that suits them and respects their privacy. To achieve that, we need to find out the best way for you to complete a Census questionnaire and ensure your participation in the Census.

What do I mean by participation? I want to cover the issues of Census promotion material, information leaflets and how to get help completing the Census questionnaire. Basically these are questions about which media you prefer to use, e.g. Braille, tape/CD, large print, E-mail, accessing a website or calling a free number.

I understand that some people may find it useful to use more than one format to complete the census. For example you may want to read the Census Questionnaire in Braille but complete using E-mail or a website.

I think it is never too early to prepare for a great Census. In 2006, GROS is trialling a new health question, developed with organisations which represent the needs of disabled people, which allow people who have problems with their sight to identify themselves. I hope this question will be used in the full Census in 2011. With this question, the more forms that blind and partially sighted people return, the more our needs are known and taken into account by the government, public and private sectors. The Census is a good way to make our voice heard.

If you are willing to participate in the project, please feel free to contact me and tell me which formats you would like used in a Census, both to receive information about the Census questionnaire and how you would like to complete the Questionnaire:

- On tape
- Braille
- Large print
- Email, etc.
- Sighted assistance

Please feel free to express yourself in any formats and time! And again if you need help responding please contact me. My details are listed below.

Best regards:

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